

**Remarks:**


Claims 8, 10, and 11 are canceled. Claims 1-7, 9, and 12-22 are now pending. Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2421.

Sincerely,

Dated: November 25, 2003

  
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